

friends gather to show their respect and gratitude to grandparents. Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring grandparents in New Mexico and throughout the United States for their contributions to our families and our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. DAVID
BOLGER

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate an outstanding leader in our community and northern New Jersey—David Bolger, who celebrated his 70th birthday on August 12, 2002. On July 31, David's many friends in the Ridgewood community held a surprise birthday party for David, honoring him for 70 years of accomplishment and contribution to our community.

I would like not only to congratulate David Bolger on the occasion of his birthday but also to applaud him for his valuable leadership in civic and philanthropic activities.

A resident of Ridgewood since 1966, David is an outstanding example of the type of person who makes Bergen County, our state and our Nation such a wonderful place. He exemplifies the American values that have made our country great. A loyal supporter of many local organizations, he has provided generous donations to Valley Hospital, West Bergen Mental Healthcare, Midland Park Ambulance Corps, and The Woman's Club of Ridgewood. David has also donated his time and expertise to community organizations, serving as a Trustee of the Henry H. Kessler Foundation, a Trustee of the West Side Presbyterian Church, a Trustee Emeritus of the Children's Aid Society of New Jersey, and an Honorary Member of the Midland Park Ambulance Corps. His community spirit is an example for us all.

David's leadership has also been acknowledged outside the Ridgewood community, as he has been recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary International and Honorary Mayor of Fayette, Iowa, as well as Midland Park, New Jersey. Both at home and across the world, David Bolger has looked for ways to "make an impact on people's lives," creating scholarships for needy students, providing medical support for a clinic in the British West Indies, and even donating a school bus to an orphanage in Haiti.

After working his way through college in the Pittsburgh steel mills, David went on to become the founder and president of Bolger & Co., Inc., a company that has been actively involved in real estate ventures for more than 30 years. His corporate accomplishments are impressive: Director of American Progressive Life & Health Insurance Company of New York, Director of Deotexis, Inc., and Chairman and CEO of Farmers & Merchants State Bank Holding Co., Inc. Yet even with all of his other commitments, David still finds time to help those around him and remains committed to a life of philanthropy.

David's concern for his fellow man is extraordinary. It is an honor to recognize David Bolger today for his remarkable leadership and generosity. The Ridgewood community is truly fortunate that he is dedicated to the qualities that have made this nation great. I am fortunate to call David a friend.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to Join me in con-

gratulating David Bolger on his 70th birthday and commending him for his tremendous dedication to helping others.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF
CONGREGATION TREE OF LIFE

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Congregation Tree of Life, located in the 4th Congressional District of New York.

This synagogue has been a major component of the Jewish community of Valley Stream for half a century. Since first opening its doors in 1952, the congregation has grown both in number and in spirit.

Today, 120 families belong to the synagogue. They gather in large crowds to participate in a variety of weekly, monthly and yearly activities. Although the shul has a high attendance rate for regular Shabbat services, it also hosts monthly Oneg Shabbats and family dinners three times a year. A crowd also gathers Sunday mornings for Minyan, and 8 times a year, the synagogue hosts special speaker breakfasts to discuss matters of interest to the community.

Congregation Tree of Life has different holiday celebrations throughout the year. On Hanukkah, there is a candle-lighting ceremony and festive dinner complete with latkes and jelly doughnuts. A Hanukkah fair is held before the holiday starts so the congregants and other members of the community can shop for the holiday. On Purim, members gather to hear the Megillah reading.

The synagogue is dedicated to continuing education. In the Fall, adult members meet with the Rabbi to discuss different issues and how they relate to Judaism. Twice a year, bus trips are held to visit Jewish sites of interests in different cities. Past visits have included the Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC and Philadelphia.

The members are committed to helping others, both in the community and abroad. Besides participating in UJA and Israel Bond appeals during the High Holidays, the synagogue has a committee that visits the sick in local hospitals.

The contribution this synagogue and their members have made to our community is obvious. I congratulate everyone at Congregation Tree of Life on the anniversary of such a wonderful gathering place for our Jewish community.

IN HONOR OF AMBROSIO SOLANO

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mrs. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor one of my constituents, Ambrosio Solano, who served bravely and honorably in the U.S. Army during World War II. Mr. Solano was drafted when he was 18 years old and participated in the D-day invasion at Normandy. After suffering shrapnel wounds, Mr. Solano returned to the United States following almost 2 years of dutiful service.

Yet, Mr. Solano never received official recognition of the pain and suffering he gave for

his country. Mr. Solano never received any of the medals owed him by the federal government. Now, 56 years later, on August 28, 2002, Mr. Solano finally received his 14 medals, including two Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star, and an Oak Leaf Cluster.

I am honored to count Mr. Solano as one of my constituents and I would like to include for the record the following editorial praising Mr. Solano. It appeared in the Denver Post on August 30, 2002.

"We're gratified that Ambrosio Solano finally received the 14 medals he earned fighting for his country during World War II—although we're dismayed that the Army veteran of the Normandy invasion had to wait 56 years for recognition.

Even his family knew little about Solano's combat experiences because he seldom talked about the war with his wife or children. After keeping his own counsel for nearly half a century, Solano began to open up to his son, former U.S. Attorney Henry Solano, as they motored cross country from Boston to Denver in 1994.

Solano, 76, is a native of Chapel, N.M., who grew up in New Mexico and Colorado. He was drafted into the Army in 1943 and went ashore at Normandy on June 6, 1944, among the first waves of invading American troops who spearheaded the liberation of Europe.

Initially, Solano served in the 29th Infantry Division but later became a paratrooper and transferred to the 101st Airborne Division.

He recounted the horrors of the amphibious invasion on the Normandy beaches, recalling the clank of the landing craft's ramp as it dropped and going forward into German gunfire that awaited the invading troops. He remembered standing waist-deep in water and seeing the bodies of slain American soldiers floating by.

After he joined the paratroops, Solano jumped into the battle for St. Lo, where he suffered shrapnel wounds. Later, as American troops swept into the Rhineland, Solano was wounded in the leg.

Among Solano's belated decorations, in addition to two Purple Hearts, are the Bronze Star for combat service, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, European-African Middle-Eastern Campaign Medal, Combat Infantry badge and World War II Honorable Service button. Solano was discharged from the Army in 1946 and returned to Colorado, where he worked for Ideal Cement Co. for 36 years. Because the war kept him from going to college, Solano, who's been married 52 years, was determined that his four children would do so. Son Henry is a lawyer and another son, Ambrose, is a doctor.

About three years ago, Solano wrote to the government, hoping to finally get his medals, but to no avail. Then Representative DIANA DEGETTE, D-Denver, stepped in and made it happen.

You may not know Ambrosio Solano personally, but the mere fact that you are free to read these words means you owe him thanks for fighting to preserve your freedoms by helping defeat Nazi tyranny.

We can never adequately repay Solano and his comrades, but the medals he finally received are his country's way of thanking them,

however belatedly, for their noble service and sacrifices.”

TRIBUTE TO NORMA LEE CLISE

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today and ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Norma Lee Clise of Hampshire County, West Virginia for her decades of service to her community. It is an honor to announce Norma Lee Clise as the 2002 “Knight of Olde Hampshire.”

Retired from the Central Telephone Company, Norma Lee Clise is a charter member of the Hampshire County “Jaycee-ettes” and active with the Shawnee Girl Scout Council. For 43 years, Norma Lee has served the American Legion Auxiliary Hampshire Unit 91 in Romney, West Virginia. Named Hampshire County Volunteer of the Year in 2001, Norma Lee is a recipient of the Ruby Ward National Public Relations Trophy and was also named “Distinguished West Virginian” in 1970. Always active in local issues and affairs, Norma Lee served for 25 years on the Hampshire County Executive Committee, acting as co-chairman, secretary-treasurer, and Delegate to the State Convention.

In honor of Norma Lee Clise and her long-standing commitment to public service, I ask my friends in Hampshire County and my colleagues here to join me in recognizing Norma Lee Clise.

TRIBUTE TO THE CHASE CANDY COMPANY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding work of the Chase Candy Company, whose tradition and taste in the production of candy has been enjoyed for over a century.

The Chase Candy Company has been making candy since 1876. Dr. George Washington Chase, who at the time was looking for additional sources of income, created the Missouri-based company. Originally the Chase Company sold fruit and produce, but after listening to the advice of his son, Dr. George Chase soon transformed the business into a candy company. The Chase Candy Company was family owned until 1944 when the Chicago-based investment firm F.S. Yantis bought the company for \$1 million. After the acquisition, the production of Chase Candy moved to Chicago, but in 1961 moved back to the Missouri River Town, St. Joseph, where it remains today.

The Chase Candy Company’s most popular product, the Cherry Mash candy bar, entered stores in 1918. This famous treat is America’s third oldest candy bar and the best selling cherry candy bar. Cherry Mash and other wonderful Chase products may be found in grocery stores, convenience stores, and mass merchandise outlets mainly in the Midwest, as

well as online. I proudly display and offer Cherry Mash to visitors in my Washington office and wanted to extend my most sincere thanks to the St. Joseph, Missouri-based candy company for their gracious support.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Missouri’s own Chase Candy Company, and its 20 full-time employees for the years of dedicated service and production of some of the world’s best tasting confections.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF TELESCOPE CASUAL FURNITURE, INC.

HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a historic institution in the 22d District of New York. Telescope Casual Furniture, Inc. creates “telescoping” furniture that has been used by the United States military and by families throughout the world since 1903.

Owned and managed by the third and fourth generations of the Vanderminde Family, this furniture manufacturing company began as the Telescope Cot Bed Co. Known for its product line of cots and campstools featuring “telescoping” legs, the United States government awarded Telescope a medal of distinguished service for its military products used during both World Wars and the Korean conflict.

After moving to Granville, New York, in 1921 from Telescope, Pennsylvania, the company expanded its product line to beach, folding, and public seating chairs. It even created a Hollywood hit, the Director Chair, in 1953. The Illinois Institute of Technology has since named the chair number 46 in its “100 best designed items of modern times.”

Manufacturing not only for the U.S. military, Telescope has also been the favorite of First Families. President John F. Kennedy was often photographed in his Telescope Bentwood Slat Rocker and several first ladies have incorporated Telescope furniture in their home redecorating.

Mr. Speaker, Telescope Casual Furniture, Inc. proudly operates and serves in the community of Granville, New York. The company employs more than 250 skilled crafters in its one million square-foot plant. Telescope is proud to live and work in the Granville area and is dedicated to continue contributing to the growth and prosperity of the town and county.

Mr. Speaker, as a proud resident of the 22d Congressional district of New York, I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Telescope Casual Furniture, Inc. for a century of dedication to the town of Granville, the State of New York, and the great nation in which we live.

TRIBUTE TO RYALS FARLESS

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Ryals Farless for his quick response

and valor in saving the life of Greg Scott on July 19, 2002. Ryals is the son of Joe and Billie Farless of Princeton, Kentucky.

Ryals was on duty as a lifeguard at the City-County Park in Princeton, Kentucky when Greg Scott, also of Princeton, experienced a possible seizure and sank to the bottom of the pool. Ryals quickly responded by entering the water and brought Greg to the surface. Without his intervention and quick thinking, Greg Scott would not be with us today.

Ryals is currently a Freshman at the University of Kentucky, having graduated from Caldwell County High School in May. He is pursuing a career in dentistry. While in high school, Ryals was a member of the soccer team, the National Honor Society and the Commonwealth Honors Academy. For the past several years, Ryals has been involved with the Caldwell County Relay for Life. Ryals is also an active member of Southside Baptist Church and participates in mission trips and youth programs.

Mr. Speaker, Ryals embodies the spirit, commitment and sacrifice that we all should strive for in our daily lives. I am proud to represent him in my District. I extend my thanks to him for his efforts, and I am proud to bring his accomplishments to the attention of this House.

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP SAMUEL AND MRS. LEE ELLA SMITH

HON. HAROLD E. FORD, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay well-deserved tribute to Bishop Samuel and Mrs. Lee Ella Smith of Memphis, Tennessee for the example they continue to set as honorable citizens of the Ninth Congressional District of Tennessee and as devoted servants to God and their fellow man.

As a bishop with the prolific, Memphis-based denomination, the Church of God in Christ (COGIC), Bishop Smith has rendered extensive efforts to strengthen and expand the work of this five million member denomination. His history of stewardship and sacrifice dates back to his youth and his service to the denomination’s founder, Bishop Charles Harrison Mason. From then until now, Bishop Smith has been exemplary in leadership, integrity, and undying loyalty to God. He presently serves as Administrative Assistant to Jurisdictional Bishop, Dr. Jerry L. Maynard of Tennessee, and has worked untiringly with the Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ, G.E. Patterson. Bishop Samuel Smith also serves as the pastor of one of Memphis’ flagship and entrenched congregations, Southside Church of God in Christ. His influence as a pastor and spiritual leader has been a shining light which has illuminated the way for many young ministers who have furthered their service in gospel ministry.

Humble in spirit and rich in faith, Mother Lee Smith has stood with her husband as a noble example of virtue. She is also one firmly committed to the principles of Christian faith with a record of service dating back to her teenage years. Her work with the Church of God in Christ encompasses her commitment in the field of education. Equipped with vast experiences in ministry and earned degrees in religious studies, Mrs. Smith served as Dean of